

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1346 - SB 1811

January 9, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Eliminates the requirement for veterinary facilities to be licensed by the Department of Health and removes the authority of the department to make inspections.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Expenditures - \$65,000

Decrease State Revenues - \$95,000

The Department of Health reports that there are approximately 530 veterinary facilities that would no longer pay license fees or be inspected by the department. This results in decreased cost of inspections and a loss of fee revenue. Because the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners must be self-sufficient by law (Tennessee Code Annotated 4-3-1011, 4-29-121 and 63-1-137) the difference in expenditures and revenues would have to be made up with additional expenditure reductions or increased fees.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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